[10191/2180]

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

GROUP ART UNIT 1762

RECEIVED : CENTRAL FAX CENTER

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

APR 2 8 2004

Inventor(s):

Walter ROETHLINGSHOEFER et al.

Serial No.:

10/030,779

Filing Date:

May 24, 2002

For:

METHOD FOR THE SELECTIVE

COATING OF CERAMIC

SURFACE AREAS

Group Art Unit: 1762

Examiner:

Erma C. Cameron

Confirmation No.: 6397

Address to: Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being transmitted via facsimile to the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Fax No. (703) 872-9311 on:

Reg. No. 42,194

SECOND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1,116

SIR:

In response to the Final Office Action of October 29, 2003 and pursuant to the telephone interviews of February 10, 2004 and April 27, 2004, please amend the above-referenced application without prejudice as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.